

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 19th September 1997, in Vancouver - Canada

The present tour began with a proposal of Mr. Lutful Rehman Khan that if I could find the time it would be a good pastime to tour Alaska. I was once able to offer a Jumma in the extreme north of Norway and there will be another Jumma coming in Alaska.

The respected Amir of Gambia has sent good news this morning before the Jumma. There is now no need to criticise the government of Gambia. According to the Report the honourable President of Gambia conducted a meeting of the entire Cabinet to present the case of the Jamat before them which also includes the Minister for Religious Affairs and Mr. Bojang. They have unanimously taken some decisions. One of them is that nobody would be permitted to say anything untoward against the Gambian Jamat in future and each and every person must hold regard for the honour and dignity of the Jamat. Secondly that the government would support whatever effort the Ahmadiyya Community makes for the betterment of the country. Thirdly that all the Doctors and Staff et cetera who fled the country are permitted to return with all their honours and the government regards the services of the Jamat. With the grace of Almighty God certain other decisions of this nature point to the success of the *Mubahila* [Quranic prayer duel].

Whoever repents and changes their attitude is treated with tenderness by Allah. All the Jamats of the world should bear in mind that they have treated us kindly so just as before we would God willing continue to assist Gambia as best we can.

With the grace of God some people who are already inclined in their natures to help the faith in Canada have been made wealthy by Allah. This nature is the same all over the world. Ahmadis in large numbers are finding opportunities to develop large and extensive financial Companies and they are going from hundreds of thousands into tens of millions and they cannot understand the [phenomena] occurring. There are 2 things in this. There were some who had wealth but were not devoted to the Jamat. Even if they contributed something there was [an element of] show in it. Allah the Almighty extracted them out of the Jamat and threw them away like a hair is extracted from the butter. However the Jamat did not feel the lack of even a single pence and were in fact assisted by God in an extraordinary manner. I have never needed to appeal to the Jamat to make exceptional efforts in order to fulfil the needs.

The acquiring of this place where we are now sitting is also a result of the Divine destiny. Mr. Lutful Rehman has expressed his wish to me that if Almighty God enables him he would take part as much as possible in constructing a mosque. A while ago when the Budget of the Jamat was still in tens of millions I informed the Jamat that I am seeing the bounties of Allah. In this way I am certain that God would take us from tens of millions into the billions. Whenever there has been a great tribulation it has always gone along with blessing in terms of an extraordinary increase in people and an increase in wealth. Keeping in view this Destiny of Almighty God and the worldwide uproar that has recently risen against the Jamat I was certain that before the next century the Jamat would come out of the tens of millions and

enter into the billions and the current situation shows that God willing this would happen within 2 or 3 years.

I especially draw the attention of the members of the Canadian Jamat towards preaching because you have made many Resolutions, written many letters and made many promises, [even] established *Bayat* [Initiation] Targets but the Reports being received do not show for progression with a view to fulfilling these promises. The prayers of the people and pure transformation draws the drops of mercy from the heavens and then with the grace of God there is much rain. The Ahmadis of Canada must realise and recognise this reality and every individual should expend their efforts for this and change their position.

If you want to preach and are making efforts for it and yielding no fruit then the first important thing is to examine yourself. You yield no fruit because you do not possess the ability for it and the ability I am talking of is the ability to bring about a pure transformation within yourself. In order to create a spiritual revolution in the world Allah the Almighty desires that one should bring about a spiritual revolution in themselves. Whoever wants to bring about a revolution should first show it by bringing about a spiritual revolution in themselves. Almighty God would show miracles for your sake to the extent that you reveal a change for the pure in your nature.

Keeping in view the history of the wonders granted by God to the Ahmadiyya Community I stand firm upon the belief and tell you to extend your begging bowls in gratitude to God for the bounties as far as you can and then God can also increase those welcoming hands. You cannot even imagine the ways of God's grace. Pray and make those crucial changes in yourselves without which it is not enough just to extend receiving hands. I hope that the Ahmadiyya Community of Canada would enact a pure transformation in their selves and that I should see the land of Ahmadiyya spreading and flourishing every time I am able to visit Canada.